PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE

MOTION

The COVID-19 pandemic has placed first responders in regular contact with individuals infected with COVID-19. It is essential to ensure that the same disability retirement benefits are conferred to all public safety personnel in the City. There are currently four separate groups of public safety officers in the City of Los Angeles who do not receive the same benefits as other peace officers, as follows:

- 24 LAPD Officers (General Fund)
- 27 Municipal Police Officers (General Fund)
- 24 Park Rangers (General Fund)
- 8 Port Police Officers (Proprietary Fund)

The average age of these 83 public safety officers is 48, with an average of 20 years of service credit. Many of these officers are approaching the end of their careers, and their service to the City ought to be acknowledged with the same benefits as those conferred to other public safety personnel.

These officers have also been responding to the unfortunate civil unrest incidents concurrent with the on-going peaceful protests placing them in harm's way. If any one of the above City employees are hurt, injured or killed, neither they nor their dependents will receive the same disability retirement benefits as other peace officers. This is an urgent matter that must be addressed, especially at a time of heightened risk.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be directed to report to the Council within 60 days on the provision of disability retirement benefits for the aforementioned 83 public safety officers under the LACERS Public Safety Tier 1 Enhanced Benefits provision.

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